

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
23rd September 1872.*

No. 150. Read the following letter from Colonel F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Chepauk, 7th September 1872, No. 1,854-53:—

In compliance with G. O., 14th December 1871, No. 2,108, the officer in charge of No. 5 Revenue Survey forwarded to this Office five copper "Sashanams," lent by certain villagers of Vellapakam, Arcot Taluq, North Arcot District.

2. As Captain Liardet informs me that owners are unwilling to part with them, I have had copies made and lithographed, and have now the honour to transmit them. One set has been

10 copies plain.
1 copy bronzed.

made (as far as material would permit), a facsimile of the original copper-plates, by Mr. Barren, the Head Draughtsman and Lithographer of the Survey Office, and I think he has satisfactorily succeeded in reproducing them.

3. No means being available for the translation of the inscriptions, I am unable to form any opinion of their purport or archæological value.

No. 151. ORDER THEREON, 23rd September 1872, No. 1,353.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED that one set of the lithographed copies be forwarded to Mr. Burnell for his remarks. Colonel

Priestley was directed to forward the "Sashanams" to the owners with thanks for the loan.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To A. C. Burnell, Esq.
,, the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Director, Archaeological Survey of India.

